# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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GOVINDRAO COMMITTEE
JAYABEN B. THAKKAR

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have constituted an experts committee (Govind Rao Commiitte

(e) for widening the Service Tax net;

(b) if so, the details of the tenure, terms of reference, its composition, powers etc; and

(c) the time by which the said Committee is likely to submit its report to the Government.

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI. GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)
(a): Yes Sir, the Government have constituted an Expert Group on Service Tax, with a view to examine various aspects connected with the field of taxing the services, including extension of tax base in the area of services, and to make recommendations in this regard.
(b) The Expert Group has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. M. GovindaRao, Director, Institute of Social & Economic Change, Bangalore and it consists of five other members and a member secretary. The terms of reference of the Expert Group, are as follows:

(i) To examine the existing structure of service tax and to make recommenda -tions on extending the tax base in the area of services, and the timing thereof.

(ii) To examine the existing procedure for collection of service tax, and to make recommendations as may be considered necessary for making it more effective, to augment voluntary compliance, and to reduce compliance cost.

(iii) To make recommendations on any other matter related to the above points or incidental thereto. The tenure of the expert group will continue till the date of its submission of final report and it has got the powers to make recommendations to the Government as per the terms of reference.
(c): The Expert Group has submitted its interim report to the Government recently on20th November, 2000 and it has been asked to submit the final report by the 31st December, 2000.